

final thoughts...

Happy Birthday to our namesake Oliver Hazard Perry who turned 230 on August 23!

"We have met the enemy and they are ours!"



The actual color is "brownstone", a little darker than the cart on the left.

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Office Report
The Front Line Safety Committee meeting will be September 28th at 3:15.

The Front Line Safety video will be September 8th at 3:15 p.m. at the PPC.

Visitors at Public Works!!
Visitors in the last two weeks includes Tom Brickey with Schulte Supply, Tim Noltkamper with Vermeer, Tom Gobin with Gas Proucts Sales, Joshua Hoffmeister with Hoffcomp, Bill Yax with Barco and Larry Knox with Zep

Happy Birthdays in September :

Mike Comte	3 rd
Angie Fields	3 rd
Robert Brown	4 th
Mark Brown	16 th
Randy Finger	26 th
Ken Baer	29 th

coming soon >>>

- In The Next Issue*
- Review of trash cart policy
 - Banquet Update
 - Leadership Class to begin
 - CERT training on the horizon
 - And even some surprises!

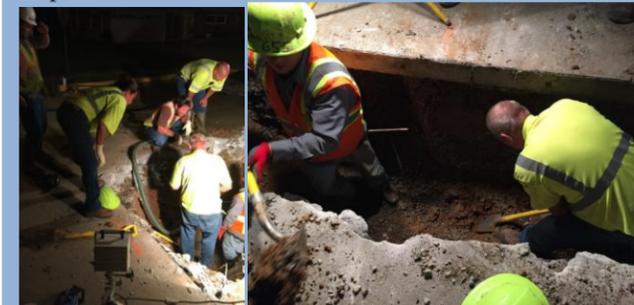
A Twice Monthly Update from Perryville Public Works

August 28, 2015

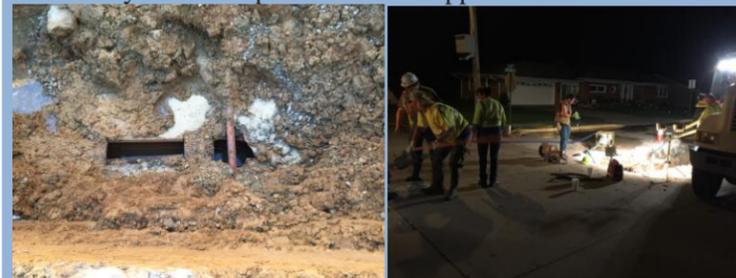
What's In The Works And More!

Teamwork...Again and Always!

At 3:00 on August 19, we got calls from two customers on Walnut that they had sewer backups. We quickly realized that it was probably our problem and with potentially 16 customers without sewer, we had to react...quickly. While most were going home for the day, Charlie McLeod and our on-call crew (Josh Welker, Gary Schneier, Mike Chitwood) sprung into action. Blocking the street and getting emergency locates. With the locates complete, we started digging around 7pm and by 9pm, we had uncovered a telephone line that had been bored thru our sewer main.



Gravel had fallen thru the hole in the clay pipe and blocked the sewer. To make matters worse, our vac truck hose line had gotten stuck underneath the phone line as well! With all that info, Charley called in more of the water crew at 11pm to help get it repaired. Linda Chappius, Roy Broussard and Jeremy Mantz responded. What happened next was beautiful!



Our folks showed what teamwork is all about. They worked quickly and efficiently thru the night. It was pretty great! And by 1:30am, we had the sewer running again. All in a days work at Perryville Public Works!

Whole Lotta Stuff Goin' On!

Life is nothing without a little chaos to make it interesting. — Amelia Atwater-Rhodes

And our life around here is VERY interesting! I look around and see how calmly our team continues to focus in the midst of the greatest summer of change in the history of Perryville!

The water/sewer crew just keeps on ticking, changing meters, putting out fires and trying to keep up with the contractor. It is an ever losing battle but they never give in!

The gas crew just keeps on doing the same thing...no big deal, only 3 major projects going on at the same time. They keep showing up at work and seem happy to be part of so much progress.

And now the refuse team gets to join in! With all these carts to be delivered, the challenges are just beginning!



Busch & NG!

Anheuser-Busch has announced it replaced all 97 diesel-fueled tractors in its St. Louis fleet with new compressed natural gas (CNG)-fueled tractors. By transitioning to the CNG technology, the brewing company says it expects to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 2,500 tons per year.

The St. Louis announcement marks Anheuser-Busch's second full brewery fleet transition, following last year's successful replacement of 66 tractors in Houston. Approximately 30% of Anheuser-Busch's heavy-haul dedicated tractors now run on natural gas. "Transitioning our entire St. Louis tractor fleet to CNG-powered engines brings environmental benefits directly to our company and our community," says James Sembrot, Anheuser-Busch's senior director of transportation. "A conversion of this scale is indicative of the commitment we've made to deploying more sustainable technologies and processes at each stage of the brewing process - from 'Seed to Sip.'" Anheuser-Busch's St. Louis brewery is one of the company's largest facilities, served by a fleet that travels 11 million miles annually throughout the Midwest. The company says the abundance of natural gas filling stations, combined with the fleet's high mileage, made the company's hometown of St. Louis a strategic choice for the conversion.

"I want to thank Anheuser-Busch for setting an example for businesses across the city by committing to environmentally friendly business practices," comments St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay. "With Anheuser-Busch identifying and implementing sustainable alternatives, the company is helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and make St. Louis a better place for all of us to live, work and play."



The gas division has installed 4 more service lines and completed 3 more tie-ins at Rambling Hills. Kueker Landscaping has repaired the yards and tie-in spots on the first half of the subdivision. The meter change out program is in full swing now. We have received a list of the meters that need changed out due to stripped or broken screws from Excel. Staff has changed out around 50 of the meters on the list. USDI was in town to start the new odorizer replacement project at the Take Point on August 17, 2015. While they were here we discovered that Kinder Morgan our Pipe Line Supplier refused to lower our gas pressure. The pressure needed to be lowered to 200 - 250 lb max because their equipment is not rated to handle 300lb., so they couldn't start the job. This was shocking to find out because the pipeline company has lowered the pressure at our request in previous occasions. USDI has located the equipment that will handle the 300# but it is not available until mid September. They have spoken for the equipment from Mueller to rent when it comes available. While they were here we had them to weld a new service line to the Dollar General Store in Old Appleton. They also installed the tap and station that will feed Rambling Hills.

The gas crew has returned to Rambling Hills to finish up the few services and tie ins should be done by close of business Friday August 28, 2015.

Water and Sewer Update

Daily lift station checks were completed and water samples taken to Jackson for special and routine state sample reporting.

Staff is still busy replacing old meter settings. Earth First is now in front of us on the meter installation. We will be working behind them repairing and replacing services as needed. Crews responded to a sewer backup on S Walnut and Hart Street on the 19th. While trying to unblock the main, the jetter became lodged in the main. After 12 hours, we discovered that the new fiber line installed in July had crossed the sewer breaking out the top of the main. This allowed gravel back fill from a service line to enter the main, eventually causing a backup on Walnut Street. We have made about 15 emergency meter set repairs that were leaking in the last two weeks.

Finally, Charlie got some needed time off during the week of August 24 but come September, he will be back in the thick of things!

Project Directories

Street Dept.

Sinkhole projects – Robb/Edwards Starting

Conc & Curb Repairs – Walnut/Hart

Gas Dept.

Rambling Hills extension – Underway

WWTP

Engineering study – Donohue midway

Water Plant

New UV – bidding Sept 29th

Water/ Wastewater Dept.

Water meter change out on-going

Water System Renovation –

Choosing new tank locations

Manhole Lining: Planning stage

Work Order System: Planning stage

Customer Care Center: Planning stage



Refuse, Street, Airport & Maintenance

Maintenance Department: After getting trash truck #708 back from Armor Equipment, we have a leak with the valve on the back of trash truck #709, that works the cart dumper. We are going to take it back to Armor Equipment. Randy installed new brakes and drums on the rear of truck #706. Richard has been working with Kellan True from Viking-Cives on the purchase of a new salt spreader for truck #803. We will be working on the Fire Truck Engel. We replaced one of the rear doors. We are working with Tim Britt on getting a new trailer for Gas Department.

Refuse Department: We are picking up biodegradable bags and trash in all three wards. We have chipped brush with the help of the street department. We also chipped brush in the park.

Street Department: We brush hogged Dry Run Branch, along Moore Drive and lots by M & M Meats. We weeded Star Street bank and sawed Walnut Street for concrete patch due to sewer repair. We retiled the grass areas at City Hall, put down chemicals for the soil and fertilizer, grass seed, straw and water bushes. We graded alley between W Ste Marie and St Joseph. We repaired sidewalk at 220 Poplar.



We removed graffiti on several signs through out the city. We cut bushes along sidewalk on St Joseph and Kiefner. We spread 15 tons of asphalt on Hidden Valley Lane. We finished repairing Robb Street sidewalk and brought pavers back to Public Works from the new concrete area on the square. We placed cold patch along the curb at 1809 North Main. And we started a project to repair the broken grate right here at Public Works. Dustin and Gary (see photo above) have planned the project and now they are taking the reins and making it happen!

Storm Water: We cleaned catch boxes through out the city after the recent rains and cleaned several sinkhole grates. We cut small trees around culvert on S French Lane and made a storm water grate. We repaired 3 holes at the side of Sycamore Lane. We placed the lid back on sinkhole that someone knocked off behind 2012 Old St Mary Rd.

Airport: We checked the lights at the Airport and did routine mowing. We are waiting on parts for the papi lights. We repaired the runway sign.

Waste Water Plant Update

It's almost getting to my favorite season, Fall! I like it to be cool enough to enjoy a campfire, maybe a beverage or two from fermented fruit. Speaking of fermented, we happen to work somewhere where stuff ferments all the time! It's the place no one wants to be at, but we all need the Waste Water Treatment Plant. We have attempted to keep up with the weeds this year but have met with little success. We have managed to do some electrical work, finally haul some biosolids, cleaned the algae off our clarifiers, and have been recirculating our biosolids in attempt to keep the fermentation to a minimum because no one likes fermented biosolids!



Update From the Building Department

By Angie Fields, CBO

The trash carts are here! Over (2800) 96gallon and nearly (600) 48gallon carts arrived at the Public Works facility on Thursday August 27th. 4 tractor trailers, along with a forklift and several assembly personnel, arrived on Thursday and began unloading over 3,000 brand new trash carts for the residents of Perryville. They will spend 2 days assembling the carts and curbside delivery will begin on Monday August 31st and continue each day until all carts have been delivered. I have received several phone calls from new tenants and homeowners inquiring about what size cart they will be receiving. Once all the carts have been delivered, I encourage residents to contact Public Works if they did not receive a cart or they would like the alternative size. Understanding that many changes in residents have occurred since the order was placed. We know that we will be making several changes in the coming weeks. We are prepared to make those changes in a timely matter and will make every effort to make our customers happy. In the coming weeks, the Public Works Department will let all of our residents know the procedure on how to dispose of their current trash receptacles. The water meter change out is continuing, with nearly 1/3 of the water meters replaced. The gas ERT's are being installed as well. The Public Works Department will also begin the new water main installation along French Lane and St. Joseph in the next few weeks. I continue to provide inspections on several new buildings. The hospital remodel should kick off in the coming months, the Ford Dealership project continues and will make a statement along Perryville Blvd. once it is complete. The shipping building at TG is nearly complete. It will be a busy fall for everyone in the Public Works Department.

NATURAL GAS: THE BEST CHOICE!

The new numbers are out and guess what? Natural gas is still your best value for energy efficiency at your home or business. Now over 30% of the US's electric is produced by natural gas. It is also the cleanest burning of all the fossil fuels. So why wait? Switch today!

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Water Plant >>>

Hello from the water plant. If you have water when you turn on your faucet, then we are doing our job! We had the new soft start installed at well #4 by CSI. We reattached the conduit brackets on basin number 1 and have been doing minor repairs and maintenance as well. See you next time.

Photo: Robert Brown does our testing!

